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1. Information Disclosure Statement with a copy of Communication from a foreign patent office (Japanese Office Action for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2005-516149 dated January 17, 2007), three (3) references and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified)
2. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

JP 2005-47786, JP 20012-97914 and JP 2002-28998 were cited in a Japanese Office Action for counterpart Japanese Application No. 2005-516149 dated January 17, 2007, copy attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits English language Abstracts for JP 2005-47786, JP 20012-97914 and JP 2002-28998.

Other references cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 31, 2006.

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